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a removable magnetic sealing strip removably [disposable with] disposed within each of said channels by insertion and removal [into said channel] through said at least one opening[,];

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wherein, when said panels are overlapped, said inner vertical edges may be secured to each other by said removable magnetic sealing strips.

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Once amended) A method for forming a window covering panel comprising:

folding over a vertical edge of the panel to form a vertical hem;

stitching said vertical hem along a vertical line, said vertical stitching line including a gap;

folding over a lower horizontal edge of the panel to form a horizontal hem;

stitching said horizontal hem along a horizontal line[, wherein,] such that a channel is defined within said vertical hem with the horizontal and vertical stitching lines forming boundaries for said channel and the gap forming an opening to said channel[, said method further comprising the step of]; and

removably disposing a magnetic sealing strip in said channel by inserting the magnetic sealing strip through the gap in the vertical stitching line which thereby forms the opening to the channel.

Please add the following new claims:

-- 14.7 The window covering recited in claim 1 wherein each said removable magnetic sealing strip is a continuous magnetic strip.

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is a continuous magnetic strip.

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The window covering recited in claim 13 wherein each said magnetic sealing strip is a continuous magnetic strip.

The window covering recited in claim 1 wherein each said removable magnetic sealing strip includes a plurality of magnets.

The window covering recited in claim 1 wherein said plurality of magnets are closely spaced together.

The window covering recited in claim 17 wherein said at least one opening into said channel includes a plurality of openings formed by a plurality of gaps along said vertical stitching line, each of said plurality of magnets being removably disposed with said channels by insertion and removal through one of said plurality of openings.

20. The window covering recited in claim 1 wherein said at least one opening into said channel includes a plurality of openings formed by a plurality of gaps along said vertical stitching line.—

REMARKS

The Office Action of January 5, 1995 and the references cited therein have been reviewed, and in view of the above changes and following remarks, reconsideration and allowance of all pending claims are respectfully requested.

In the above Office Action, claims 1 and 5 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 3,047,060 to Heimberg in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,802,523